



UB Highlights

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Happy Holidays!

University Offices Will Be Closed

Friday, December 24

Monday, December 27

Friday, December 31

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events December 15-31, 2010



Women's Basketball

Dec. 19 (Sun.), 1:30 p.m., St. Rose @ Hubbell Gym

You might have missed . . .

October 19: In the Littlefield Recital Hall, UB music Department Faculty, including **Kurt Coble**, violin, and **Silvio Interlandi**, cello, and special guests Vytas Baksys, piano, and Veronika Salas, viola, offered "An Evening of Chamber Music," commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Robert Schumann. The free concert was part of an occasional series.

November 6: UB men's and women's basketball programs presented "Hoops for the Hungry Basketball Clinic," from 9:30 a.m. till noon, in the Hubbell Gym. The clinic taught fundamental basketball skills and provided fun for boys and girls ages 9 to 16. Participants were invited to bring non-perishable food items or cash donations to be given to the Sterling House Community Center Food Bank.

November 14: Faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the International College met in the DuPont Tower Room to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the College. Attendees enjoyed a luncheon, reminiscences, and talk of their hopes for the future of the College.

Our Open Doors

Open Doors: Report on International Educational Exchange, published each year by the Institute of International Education, indicates that the total number of foreign students in Connecticut is 9,268 (up 1.3% this year), giving the state 21st place among U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

Among Connecticut institutions, UB leads, with 2,250, followed by Yale (2,174), UConn (1,993), University of New Haven (602), and University of Hartford (402).

Of Connecticut colleges and universities' international students, 25.7% come from India, 20.8% from China, 5.1% from Canada, 4.7% from South Korea, and 2.6% from Turkey. Twenty-seven of Connecticut's foreign students were Fulbright scholars in 2010-11. International students' estimated expenditures in the state total \$288.1 million, with UB students contributing the greatest proportion.

For more information, visit www.iie.org/opendoors.

November 28: President Emeritus **Richard Rubenstein** published "Muslims and Jews: Is Meaningful Dialogue Possible?" in the online Grendel Report (<http://grendelreport.posterous.com/muslims-and-jews-is-meaningful-dialogue-poss>). Dr. Rubenstein referred to his experiences at UB to illustrate some of the points in his post.

November 30: The *Connecticut Post's* Business section revealed UB students' participation in a window-decorating contest for Bridgeport businesses sponsored by the Downtown Special Services District (DSSD). Windows of some stores on John Street were decorated by University of Bridgeport fashion merchandising students. **Janet Albert**, associate professor of fashion merchandising, organized student efforts for Maria Carvajal's Tailor Shop, also known as Victor's, and for Junior's Jewelry II, among others. Professor Albert noted, "If you do a creative window, you can attract customers." The DSSD lined up a panel of judges who were to choose a winner on December 15. The top prize is \$250.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Volleyballers **Agatha Maliddawa-Mukisa**, graduate student; **Tamara Leite**, junior; and **Terry Masava**, senior, were selected to join the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) NCAA Div. II All-East Region Team. This is the second straight season that Baliddawa-Mukisa and Masava have been named to the team. They both received 2010 Honorable Mentions as AVCA and Daktronics All-Americans on December 2. UB Women's Volleyball advanced to the NCAA Div. II East Regional Final for the second straight season in November.

Markus Naglestad, freshman forward, was named to the 2010 Daktronics NCAA Div. II Men's Soccer All-America Third Team.

Linda Velaj, senior women's soccer forward, has been named a Third Team 2010 Daktronics NCAA Div. II Women's Soccer All-American. She also earned a spot on the NSCAA/Performance Subaru All-East Region First Team. Senior defender **Elin Svaarsdottir** and junior midfielder **Katie Stanley** were named to the Second Team All-East Region.

The **Women's Soccer team**, for the 10th consecutive season, was given a College Team Academic Award by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), as the team maintained a 3.36 grade point average, while also advancing to the Second Round of the NCAA Div. II National Championship Tournament.

ENGINEERING

Manan Joshi and **Bhushan Dharmadhikari**, Ph.D. candidates in computer engineering, and **Navarun Gupta** and **Lawrence Hmurcik**, professors of electrical engineering, recently published an article, "On the Analysis of the Laminar to Turbulent Flow Patterns in the Treatment of a Patient Receiving Oxygen" in the *International Journal of Applied Sciences*. Using medical data collected on 13 patients in a hospital setting, they verified the concept that patients with lung problems recuperated faster if they breathed helium/oxygen instead of air (nitrogen/oxygen). The authors were advised by many medical professionals, including **Catherine Hmurcik '74, '87**, a senior nurse at the West Haven Veterans Administration Hospital.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Kurt Coble, adjunct professor of music and director of the Partially Artificial Musicians (PAM) Band, an experimental robotic band of "kinetic sculptures," has received a 2010 Westchester Arts Council Artist Development Grant. The PAM Band performed as the main event in "Free Arts Day," a countywide festival presented by the New York State Council on the Arts, on December 5, at the Arts Exchange Building, in White Plains. The PAM Band has also been invited to perform at the 2011 TechFest in Mumbai (India) in January.

BUSINESS

Gad Selig, associate dean for business development and outreach, presented "Winning Risk Management and Mitigation Techniques, Frameworks, and Process in Programs and Projects," at the breakfast meeting of the New York Chapter of the Project Management Institute, on November 22, in New York.

CHIROPRACTIC

Paul Sherman, associate professor of clinical sciences, presented a 6-hour postgraduate seminar, "Patient Communication, Documentation and Insurance Protocols/Coding," on November 13, at Pinnacle Learning Center, Marlboro, NY. Dr. Sherman is a writer and teleseminar instructor for Chirocreditcom, a continuing education website for chiropractic physicians. He has written several online courses and is a regular presenter on questions of documentation and insurance coding.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Meg Cooney, director, on December 2 served on the National Screening Committee for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Program for South Asia, which selected candidates to serve for 9 months in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Dave Benjamin, assistant professor of IPED, served as chair of the "Securing Bodies and Borders" panel, and as chair and discussant on the "International Political Economy" panel at the annual International Studies Association Northeast conference on November 5 and 6. At the Northeast Political Science Association annual conference November 13, he served as chair and discussant on the "Challenges Facing the Politics of Tolerance and Reconciliation" panel.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.